

Bonomi Government Will Establish Itself In Rome Saturday

By EDWARD KENNEDY, Associated Press War Correspondent.

ROME, July 13.—Fratelli d'Italia Bonomi's government will establish itself Saturday in a Rome still beset by chaotic conditions after six weeks of Allied occupation.

Although the capital's food supply problems are far from solved, the food situation is better for the masses than in the final days under the Germans, but most public services are worse now than when the Germans were here. The main cause of this is the damage done to installations by the Germans.

Shortage of electric power is one of Rome's greatest tribulations. Power came almost entirely from hydro-electric establishments to the north, and many of these installations were wrecked by the Germans.

Two steam plants are generating electricity with coal shipped from Naples, but they are capable of turning out less than one fourth of the city's needs.

Trolley lines are operating, but Rome relied mainly on buses for local transport and most of these were carried off by the Germans.

Houses in the higher parts of the city are without adequate water because of insufficient power to operate pumps.

The bread ration now is two-thirds of a pound daily, three times what it was under the Germans, and the quality of bread is the best Rome has had in years. The bread is available on ration cards at a very low fixed price.

Black marketing is not as extensive as it was just before the Allied entry, but there still is plenty of it. Many restaurants can get a good meal for \$2 to \$10 and many Allied soldiers pay the prices.

Prices of goods sold to Allied soldiers have trebled in many cases since the 5th Army came into the city.

With the Germans and Fascists rapidly printing paper money in the north and the Allies receiving such money as valid currency, a big inflation is under way. There appears little hope of checking it immediately.

The Allies themselves have issued a vast amount of occupation money which is an obligation against the Italian treasury. The Italians generally have little confidence in any of the money now circulating.

Rome has a serious unemployment problem. The number of jobless is guessed at about 100,000, mostly white-collar workers. There has been little reduction in the capital's swollen population.

Rome today is a city of contrasts—an extremely dreary place in some regards; in other respects gay and in many ways, dancing, which the Fascists banned for the duration of the war, is starting again in some hotels and clubs. It is more of a playground for off-duty officers and soldiers than any place in the Mediterranean theater since Cairo.

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MARINES MOVE THROUGH WRECKED GARAPAN—American marines move through wreckage in Garapan after the heavy

bombardment and capture of the capital city of Saipan. Smoke rises from a fire in the background. —A. P. Wirephoto.

5th Army, Flanking Leghorn, Captures Town of Lajatico

By the Associated Press.

ROME, July 13.—American troops of the 5th Army, breaking through German defenses in the upper Era Valley, some 17 miles inland from Italy's west coast, in a flanking move against Livorno (Leghorn) have captured the town of Lajatico in the bitter fighting Italy has seen in recent weeks. Allied headquarters announced today.

The Doughboys quickly mopped up all enemy soldiers remaining in the town yesterday, taking 150 to 200 prisoners, and surged on northward. By noon they had closed to a point only 12 miles from the Arno River Valley, key to the outer strongpoints of the German "Gothic Line" defenses—supposedly the last strong natural barrier left to the enemy short of the Po River Line in Northern Italy.

Simultaneously French troops on the right of the Americans carved a path through German defense points and captured San Bonato, astride a secondary highway in a mountainous area 25 miles southwest of Florence.

Still farther to the east other French forces repulsed enemy counterattacks against Hill 218, two miles southwest of Poggibonsi and 38 miles inland from the west coast. Clinging doggedly to their positions, the French inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and remained poised as a menace to Poggibonsi, key junction controlling roads toward Florence and the Arno Valley.

The only major change on the 8th Army front came in the upper Tiber Valley. There Allied troops gained as much as four miles, halving the distance to the road junction of Citta di Castello. East of the Tiber the enemy withdrew from two strong hill positions.

Around Arezzo, a focal point of major fighting on the 8th Army front for the last week, a full settlement dawned, but there were numerous brisk patrol clashes.

An official at headquarters said the enemy had massed more than 70 big guns around Arezzo.

The day brought no fresh news of the American elements which have taken Castiglione and progressed up the west coast to within 8 miles of Livorno. Further progress on the coast appeared to depend largely on gains further inland where it is necessary to root the enemy out of high ground commanding the coastal plain.

The Nazis, fighting desperately to hold all high ground commanding the west coast, counter-attacked unsuccessfully yesterday on two occasions in the area northeast of Castelnova, 3 miles inland and 9 miles southeast of Livorno.

Wallace Backers Call Douglas Chief Rival For Running Mate

By the Associated Press.

Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the Supreme Court was viewed by supporters of Henry Wallace today as the Vice President's chief rival for second place on the 1944 Democratic ticket.

They also are keeping an eye on Senate Majority Leader Barkley, Speaker Rayburn, Senator Truman, Democrat, of Missouri, and War Mobilization Director Byrnes.

Organized campaigns are not yet in evidence for any of them. None is likely pending an expected word from President Roosevelt that he wouldn't mind having Mr. Wallace for a running mate again but that somebody else might do.

Washington heard reports that the Chief Executive had a list of several eligibles in case the Democratic National Convention, which opens in Chicago next Wednesday, decides to shelve Mr. Wallace.

Figuring in some of the speculation are John G. Winant, Ambassador to England; former Senator Sherman Minton of Indiana, Senator Lucas, Democrat, of Illinois, and Gov. Robert Kerr of Oklahoma.

Private checks show, however, that the Vice President probably will receive his heaviest support for the vice presidential nomination in the West and Northwest, where Justice Douglas, who is from the State of Washington, would be expected to have his greatest strength.

Senator Chavez, Democrat, of New Mexico announced yesterday he favors Mr. Wallace renomination, declaring: "If the President is entitled to renomination, then common, ordinary American decency and fair play demand that Vice President Wallace be renominated. This would be only his second term."

Hullabaloo Held Unwarranted.

Some Senate Democrats are voicing an opinion that the hullabaloo over the vice presidential selection isn't warranted. Many agree with Senator Tunney, Democrat, of Delaware, who said:

"Campaigns aren't fought for vice presidential candidates. I have doubts they carry many votes. I'll bet Mr. Roosevelt didn't carry many when he ran for Vice President in 1920."

Mr. Wallace's intimates note that

Kentucky Editor to Place Barkley in Nomination

PADUCAH, Ky., July 13 (AP)—Henry Ward, associate editor of the Paducah Sun-Democrat, said today that Senate Majority Leader Barkley would be placed in nomination for the vice presidency at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago next week.

Mr. Ward, a close personal and political associate of the majority leader, declared Senator Barkley's name would remain in nomination until a vice presidential candidate had been selected. He said this plan had the Senator's approval.

Senator Barkley, who is at his home here writing the speech by which he will nominate President Roosevelt for a fourth term, did not comment on Mr. Ward's published statements.

The Kentucky State Democratic Convention recently instructed its delegation to the Chicago convention to cast its 24 votes for President Roosevelt and to support Senator Barkley for the vice presidency if the Senator permits his name to be placed in nomination.

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Albanian Guerrillas Form Government And Seek Allied Aid

By the Associated Press.

Albanian guerrillas have formed a national committee and asked the Allies for military aid, looking toward eventual recognition as a government.

Until recently, German-occupied Albania had a puppet government under Nazi control, but the guerrillas have begun to fight more actively, and the puppet government has fallen.

The new development, revealed today, is significant for both political and military reasons:

1. The failure of the puppet reflects the severe drop in prestige and control which the Germans have taken as a result of Allied successes.

2. Albania is important strategically because it sits at the narrowest point of the Adriatic and dominates that sea. It is the gateway which Mussolini used to attack Greece and has several excellent ports.

3. While the Germans are not believed to have any large occupying forces in Albania, widespread guerrilla activity would help their thinly spread Balkan defenses off balance.

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